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PREPARED BY: Commissioner Steve Mulroy

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Assistant County Attorney

RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST LOCAL EFFORTS IN MOUNTING RELIEF FOR HAITI AND OTHER CATASTROPHES OF SIMILAR MAGNITUDE, INCLUDING SUPPORTING UNPAID LEAVE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SOLICITING INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER STEVE MULROY.

WHEREAS, a massive earthquake recently struck the island of Haiti, resulting in massive suffering which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Haiti, already the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, has been rendered worse by the tragedy, with hundreds of thousands killed and many more homeless, injured, hungry, and desperate, in dire need of food, clothing, shelter, and medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, many persons and institutions in the Shelby County area have mounted efforts to send supplies and volunteers to the country; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Commission wishes that Shelby County government do its part to participate in these local efforts; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County, itself vulnerable to earthquake danger, should be particularly sensitive to the need to assist earthquake victims, as well as victims of catastrophes similar in magnitude to that in Haiti.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that the County Commission urges the Administration to assist local efforts in mounting relief for Haiti and other catastrophes of similar magnitude, including supporting unpaid leave on a case by case basis at the discretion of the department heads and soliciting individual donations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Art. II, § 2.06(B).

Joe Ford, Interim County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____